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(*d*) whether it is a fact that the President, East Godavari District Board, although he received the names from the President, Rajahmundry Taluk Board, has not forwarded them to the Government; and

(*e*) whether the Government will be pleased to make arrangements for gazetting the names at once?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Yes.

(*c*), (*d*) & (*e*) The letter of the President of the East Godavari District Board forwarding the names of members elected to the District Board by the Rajahmundry Taluk Board was received by Government and after disposal of an objection to the validity of the election the names were published in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 2nd October 1928.

Medical

Extension of the Royapetta Hospital buildings.

*633 Q.—Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN:—Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a few houses in Kasim Sahib street abut into the compound of the Royapetta Hospital;

(*b*) whether they are in a most insanitary condition;

(*c*) whether there were several cases of cholera in these houses last year;

(*d*) whether cholera actually originated there in the Royapetta division;

(*e*) whether His Excellency the Governor, Lady Goschen, the medical officers in charge of the hospital and repeated memorials received from the public have urged the necessity of removing these houses and expanding the compound of the hospital;

(*f*) whether the scheme of expansion has been held up pending the removal of the Tuberculosis Hospital;

(*g*) how many years it is likely to take to bring this about; and

(*h*) whether, pending this scheme, the Government will, as an urgent measure, consider the advisability of acquiring those few houses in the compound?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The Government have no definite information but a memorial received from certain residents in July last contained the statement that there were cases of cholera in three of those houses last year.

(*d*) No. The epidemic broke out at the end of June 1927, but no case was reported for Royapetta until the third week of July.

(*e*) Memorials to the effect mentioned in the question have been received by the Government. A suggestion to the same effect has also been made by Viscountess Goschen in the visitors' book of the hospital.

(*f*), (*g*) & (*h*) The Government have decided that any scheme for the improvement of this hospital must take its place with reference to the claims of other hospitals in the city and the mufassal for expansion.

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